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SUBJ: CIVAIR: DRAFT LAWS ON AIR CHARTER

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1. LIOI (CIVILAVIA) CONFIRMED THAT CIVILAVIA HAS DEVELOPED ITS OWN BILL ON AIR CHARTER SERVICES (SEE REF A) AND HAS SENT COPIES TO INTERESTED MINISTRIES PRIOR TO FINAL APPROVAL BY MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND SUBMISSION TO PARLIAMENT. LIOI ALSO CONFORMED THAT GOI BILL NOT VERY DIFFERENT FROM MARZOTTO-CAOTORTA BILL (REF B) AND THAT GOI BILL WOULD DO AWAY WITH REQUIREMENT THAT EACH CHARTER FLIGHT OF AN ITALIAN COMPANY HAVE CIVILAVIA'S PRIOR APPROVAL IN FAVOR OF PROCEDURE UNDER WHICH ITALIAN COMPANIES WOULD PROVIDE ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF PROGRAMS FOR ENTIRE SEASON. PROGRAMS WOULD BE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL.

2. LIOI EMPHASIZED THAT U.S. CHARTER OPERATIONS WOULD NOT BE AFFECTED BY BILL. FOREIGN FLIGHTS WOULD REMAIN SUBJECT TO INDIVIDUAL APPROVAL OR REGIMES TO BE ESTABLISHED BY BILATERAL OR INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS.

3. CHAMBER TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WAS UNWILLING TO WAIT FOR GOI BILL, LIOI SAID, SO GOI WITNESSES PROBABLY WOULD TESTIFY AGAIN ON MARZOTTO-CAOTORTA BILL WITHIN
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NEXT FEW DAYS, HE STRESSED THAT DGCA COLLINI AND MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT UNDERSECRETARY DEGAN ARE STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF ESTABLISHING A CLIMATE THAT WOULD FAVOR DEVELOPMENT OF ITALIAN AIR CHARTER COMPANIES. LOOKING AHEAD, HE ESTIMATED THAT EVEN IF CHAMBER TAKES SWIFT ACTION TO PASS MARZOTTO-CAROTORTA BILL IT WILL HAVE TO GO TO SENATE WHERE IT PROBABLY WOULD NOT SEE FINAL

ACTION UNTIL LATE FALL. IF LAW FAVORABLE TO GROWTH
OF ITALIAN CHARTER SERVICES PASSED, HE EXPECTED IT
WOULD TAKE FIVE YEARS OR MORE BEFORE SIGNIFICANT
NUMBER OF ITALIAN CHARTER AIRCRAFT OFFERED TO PUBLIC.

4. DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION LIOI REMARKED ON
SEVERE DROP IN US CHARTER FLIGHT PROGRAM FOR SUMMER
SEASON. HE SAID ONLY ABOUT 450 FLIGHTS FILED
THUS FAR COMPARED TO ABOUT 1,100 AT THIS TIME LAST YEAR.
HE ATTRIBUTED DECLINE TO ADVERSE PUBLICITY FOR ITALY
ARISING FROM MURDER OF ALDO MORO BY RED BRIGADES,
DECLINE IN SCHEDULED AIRLINE AIR FARES AND DEPRECIATION
OF DOLLAR.HOLMES

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